

TESTIMONY OF ERIC J. BROWN
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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
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Good afternoon. My name is Eric Brown and I am an attorney with the Connecticut Business & Industry Association ("CBIA"). CBIA's mission is to work with our members and public officials to make Connecticut a more attractive location for business investment in order to grow jobs and economic opportunity for those who live here. Our members include businesses from across the state of all sizes and from nearly every industry in Connecticut.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments in **support of Proposed Bill 384, An Act Permitting the Waiver of State Agency Electronic Filing Requirements.**

CBIA supports this bill as it provides flexibility to businesses with respect to their regulatory filing requirements. While most business find electronic filing to be a convenience, in some situations the requirement can be a less-preferred option. For example, some electronic filing may require special software. Some require registration requirements that can be cumbersome and time-consuming. And some companies have long-standing programs and procedures they have put in place to generate paper reports that they have used successfully for years without compliance incident and would prefer to continue that option without the need for new programs, procedures and training.

CBIA appreciates this committee's sensitivity to this issue and supports this effort to provide businesses with regulatory compliance flexibility.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.